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## House of Representatives

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Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Hello Mr. Dulles:

This year a large sector of American people and people all over the world are noting the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The Lincoln Group of Washington, D. C., composed of eminent students, scholars and people with a general interest in Lincoln, promoted and sponsored a program to create, through an act of Congress, the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission.

Pursuant to Joint Resolution #1, which provided for this Commission, President Eisenhower appointed a group of individuals to organize, promote and properly commemorate the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. It was the intention of the sponsors and of Congress, in creating the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission, that all of our countrymen join in a very special observance of this date. Through its program, the Lincoln Group hopes to undergird and further promote those great ideas and ideals we are pleased to call American as exemplified by those noble virtues found in the life and work of our beloved sixteenth President. The Sesquicentennial Commission has already done a splendid job to co-ordinate the work of many Lincoln Groups throughout the country and to promote other activities to properly commemorate this event.

A further word on the local organization may be desirable. The Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia is a non-political organization dedicated to the same things which the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission will be doing on a larger scale throughout this year, by honoring the memory of Lincoln and calling attention to his inspiring background, principles and ideals. This organization will be active throughout the year participating in, and

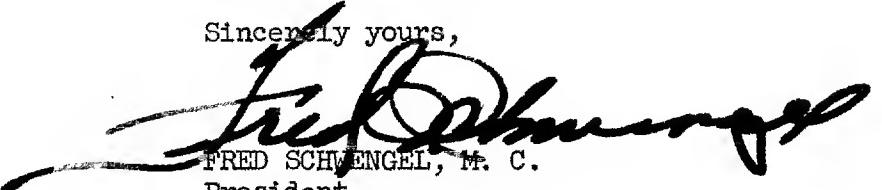
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and promoting, the commemoration on a local level. On February 11th the Lincoln Group of Washington, D. C., in cooperation with the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission, will sponsor a Lincoln Birthday Banquet. Those interested in Lincoln activities in this area, and especially those who are members of the Lincoln Group, will have prior claim to the tickets that will be made available for this affair.

We feel sure that you and many employees of your Department will want to support, possibly join and actively promote the objectives of our interest, as well as that of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission. As President of the Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia, I should like to take this opportunity to extend a very special invitation to you and to the employees of your Department who may be interested in this activity to become members of our organization. We would appreciate very much your interest and help in promoting this worthwhile endeavor.

As a means of facilitating this, I would appreciate it if you would appoint someone in your Department who may have a special interest in Lincoln and would cooperate with our Membership Committee. Kindly have your "liaison man" contact Mr. Frederick Reinig, Vice Chairman, Membership Committee, 1700 K Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C., DIstrict 7-9244.

Sincerely yours,

  
FRED SCHWENKEL, M. C.  
President  
Lincoln Group of D. C.

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